

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: CHANG et al. GROUP ART UNIT: 2815

APPLICATION NO.: 09/487,173

EXAMINER: E. Lee

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FOR: THIN FILM TRANSISTOR TYPE OPTICAL SENSOR

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Election mailed August 31, 2001, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the invention/species of Invention I (Figures 3, 4, and 5a), with traverse and reserves the right to file divisional applications directed to claims of the non-elected claims at a later date. Claims 1-5, and 13-20 are drawn to a thin film type optical sensor comprising a conductive object detection pattern, wherein the pattern comprises first and second electrodes having a finger-shaped pattern, which corresponds to Invention I.

Applicants respectfully submit, however, that at least independent claim 1 is a generic claim that is illustrated in Figures 3 and 4 because each of the species (Inventions I-VIII and Figures 5a-5f) reads on claim 1. These claims have a single generic concept of the conductive object detection pattern having first and second electrodes, which is shown in claim 1. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider claim 1 as a generic claim.

Should the Examiner deem that a telephone conference would further expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 624-1250.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Patents to charge any fees necessary to complete this filing, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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